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APPLICANT(S): Li *et al.*
APPLICATION NO.: 09/664,226 ART UNIT: 3624
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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 26, 2003, the Applicants respectfully submit this Response:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper; and

Conclusion begins on page 15 of this paper.

Through the enclosed petition and accompanying check in the amount of the required fee, the Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of the date for reply to March 26, 2004. The Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this Response, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

AMENDMENTS

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: